

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 14 and 15 are allowed.

Applicant has cancelled claims 16-18, and added new claims 19-36. No new matter is introduced in these claims.

Being submitted concurrently with this response is a Supplemental IDS.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over the environmental wind tunnel operations as shown by the disclosure from Goldstein Research Laboratory (GRL).

Claim 16-18 have been canceled without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.

Addition of New Claims

Applicant has added claims 19-36 to this patent application. Claims 29-36 are dependent upon claim 14, and are therefore allowable because claim 14 is allowed.

Claim 19 is a new independent claim accompanied by new dependent claims 20-28. Claim 19 and associated dependent claims 20-28 are neither anticipated nor obvious in light of any of the references. As one example, claim 19 includes supporting the component to provide essentially all the gas flowing through the aperture into the internal gaspath of the component in a first flow direction. In addition, claim 19 includes supporting the component to provide essentially all of the gas flowing through the aperture into the internal gaspath of the component in a second flow

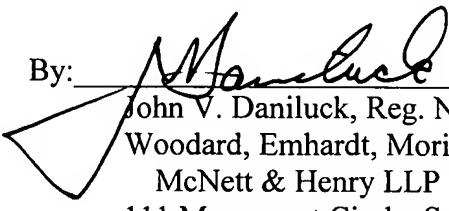
direction opposite to the first flow direction. Further, the combination of elements of claim 19 are not included in any single reference nor are they obvious in light of any combination of references. For all of these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests examination and allowance of claims 19-27.

Further, none of the newly added claims add new material. For example, support for claims 21, 22, 24, 33 and 34 can be found in paragraphs 35, 36, 37 and 38 of the specification.

CLOSING

Applicant has canceled claims 16-18; and added new claims 19-36. Applicant respectfully requests re-examination of pending claims 14, 15, and 19-36. The undersigned welcomes a telephonic interview with the Examiner if the Examiner believes that such an interview would facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

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